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ABSTRACT

This book explores the 150-year struggle against segregated education, showing how victory over segregation was gained, then lost. It provides court testimonials from 1849, through the victory of NAACP lawyers in Brown v. Board of Education, to the erosion of that decision in recent Supreme Court rulings. The story reveals that this long battle has not yet ended. By recounting five cases that produced the Brown v. Board of Education, the book presents a story of the people who joined the lawsuits against Jim Crow schools. Sixteen chapters include: (1) "Cut Yer Thumb er Finger Off"; (2) "Forcibly Ejected from Said Coach"; (3) "We Got a Good Bunch of Nigras Here"; (4) "Give Me the Colored Doll"; (5) "We are Tired of Tar Paper Shacks"; (6) "I Thanked God Right Then and There"; (7) "Study Hard and Accept the Status Quo"; (8) "We Only Took a Little Liberty"; (9) "We Cannot Turn the Clock Back"; (10) "War Against the Constitution"; (11) "Too Much Deliberation and Not Enough Speed"; (12) "Do Two Wrongs Make a Right?"; (13) "Two Cities--One White, the Other Black"; (14) "Too Swift and Too Soon"; (15) "Doing the White Man's Thing"; and (16) "The Court's Ruling Remains Unfulfilled." A concluding chapter presents "The Goal is Quality Education." Suggested readings and chapter sources are listed. (SM)